

Thursday, February 3, 1955

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House sent Reorganization Act extension to conference, appointed Members to joint commissions, and approved investigations by Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Bill extending the Selective Service Act and Dependents Assistance Act approved by House committee.

Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, February 4, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS AND SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in executive session and ordered favorably reported the following nominations: Albert Pratt, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Charles C. Finucane, of Washington, to be Under Secretary of the Army; Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, USA (retired), and Albert J. Hayes, of Maryland, to be members of the National Security Training Commission; and Rear Adm. Bartholomew W. Hogan, to be Surgeon General and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department. The committee also approved numerous other nominations in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

Also, the committee announced the appointment of the following subcommittees:

(1) Subcommittee on Real Estate and Military Construction—Senators Stennis (chairman), Jackson, and Case of South Dakota;

(2) Subcommittee on National Stockpile and Naval Petroleum Reserves—Senators Symington (chairman) and Duff;

(3) Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency—Senators Russell (chairman), Byrd, and Saltonstall;

(4) Subcommittee on Civil Defense—Senators Ke-fauver (chairman), Jackson, and Smith of Maine;

(5) Subcommittee on Officer Grade Limitations—Senators Stennis (chairman), Ervin, and Duff;

(6) Subcommittee To Review Operation of Article VII of the Status of Forces Treaty—Senators Ervin (chairman) and Flanders; and

(7) Subcommittee To Consider S. 108, Relief of Comdrs. Edward K. Shanahan and Edward White Rawlins, USN (retired)—Senators Symington (chairman) and Welker.

D. C. HOME RULE

Committee on the District of Columbia: The committee began hearings on S. 669, to provide an elected mayor, city council, school board, and nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives for the D. C., with testimony as follows:

Favoring enactment of the bill were D. C. Corporation Counsel Vernon West; Culver Chamberlain, Democratic Central Committee; Edmund M. Jaskiewicz, general counsel, Young Republicans for D. C.; Samuel Biddle, executive vice president, D. C. Citizens for Eisenhower; Mrs. Jack Gottsegen, National Council of Jewish Women; Mrs. Miton Dunn, D. C. League of Women Voters; Mrs. Corine Rogers, precinct member, Republican State Committee; Eugene F. Mullin, Jr., Young Democrat Club of D. C.; Mrs. Harold H. Stewart and Huver I. Brown, both representing D. C. Federation of Civic Associations; and Arthur Keyes, Douglas Sager, Dan Danziger, Maurice Friedman, and Mrs. Nell F. Stephens, all D. C. citizens; and

Also favoring enactment, but with suggested amendments, were Sturgis Warner, legislative chairman, Washington Home Rule Committee; Renah Camalier, D. C. Commissioner; and Herbert P. Leeman, Central Suffrage Conference.

These hearings were not concluded, and the committee recessed subject to call of the Chair.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Select Committee on Small Business: The committee met in executive session for organizational purposes, following which it announced that—

(1) It had elected Senator Sparkman as its chairman;

(2) It had adopted rules of procedure for the taking of sworn testimony;

(3) It had discussed subcommittee assignments, but had taken no final actions;

(4) Walter B. Stults would continue as the committee staff director; and

(5) It had set the fourth Friday of each month as the regular meeting day for the committee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 74 public bills, H. R. 3543-3616; 35 private bills, H. R. 3617-3651; and 8 resolutions, H. J. Res. 191-194, H. Con. Res. 64 and 65, and H. Res. 130 and 131, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H. R. 3005, to extend the Universal Military Training and Service Act and the Dependents Assistance Act, amended (H. Rept. 19); and

H. R. 3406, to permit and assist Federal personnel, including members of the Armed Forces, and their families, to exercise their voting franchise (H. Rept. 20).

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Minority Objectors: Announcement was made of the appointment of the official Republican objectors as follows:

Consent Calendar: Representatives Cunningham, Byrnes of Wisconsin, and Ford.

Private Calendar: Representatives Ayres, Sheehan, and Avery.

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Reorganization: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 2576, to further amend the Reorganization Act of 1949, as amended, so that such act will apply to reorganization plans transmitted to the Congress at any time before April 1, 1958; requested a conference with the Senate; and appointed Representatives Dawson of Illinois, Holifield, McCormack, Hoffman of Michigan, and Brown of Ohio conferees.

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Commissions and Boards: The Speaker announced the appointment of the following Members to membership on the following Boards and Commissions:

Board of Visitors to the U. S. Military Academy: Representatives Teague of Texas, Evins, Johnson, and Ford.

Board of Visitors to the U. S. Naval Academy: Representatives Natcher, Lankford, Ostertag, and O'Hara of Minnesota.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise: Representatives McCormack, McDowell, and Wigglesworth.

Board of Visitors to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy: Representatives Keogh and Derounian.

Board of Visitors to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Gary and Dorn of New York.

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representatives Preston and Andresen.

Federal Records Council: Representatives Staggers and Miller of Maryland.

Joint Committee on Navajo-Hopi Indian Administration: Representatives Engle, Udall, and Rhodes of Arizona.

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Cannon, Brooks, and Vorys.

National Historical Publications Commission: Representative Miller of California.

Jamestown - Williamsburg - Yorktown Celebration Commission: Representatives Robeson and Poff.

U. S. Commission for the Celebration of the Two-Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of John Marshall: Representatives Walter, Gary, Betts, and Poff.

Alexander Hamilton Bicentennial Commission: Representatives Rooney, Rodino, Coudert, and Reece.

Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission: Representatives Harrison of Virginia and Frelinghuysen.

Committee To Investigate Nonessential Federal Expenditures: Representatives Cooper, Dingell, Reed of New York, Cannon, Mahon, and Taber.

Committee on Disposition of Executive Papers: Representatives Long and Corbett.

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Interior and Insular Affairs: Adopted H. Res. 30, to authorize the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs to make investigations into certain matters within its jurisdiction, after adopting a committee amendment that furnished new text.

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Michigan State College: Adopted H. Con. Res. 61, extending congressional felicitations to Michigan State College on the one hundredth anniversary of its founding.

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Program for Monday: Adjourned at 1:02 p. m. until Monday, February 7, at 12 o'clock noon.

Committee Meetings

DURUM WHEAT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported to the House, without amendment, S. 145, to provide for increased durum wheat acreage. In a public hearing, conducted before this action was taken, testimony was received from Representative Engle and Philip Talbott, marketing specialist, Commodity Stabilization Service (Grain Branch), Department of Agriculture. Similar House bills on the subject were also considered.

SELECTIVE SERVICE—DEPENDENTS ASSISTANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported to the House, with minor amendments, H. R. 3005, to extend until July 1, 1959, the authority to induct persons under the Universal Military Training and Service Act, and extend to the same date the provisions of the Dependents Assistance Act.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: The Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation discussed the Federal reclamation program today with Wilbur A.